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A meeting of old pals —and fellow gamblers

By Fe Zamora

IT WAS A MEETING BETWEEN TWO OLD friends and fellow gamblers, between a "new class" lawyer and a "million-dollar" publisher, between a political hunkin' and a potential partner.

Not just looking and politics were on the minds when clipped President Joseph Estrada and press for press

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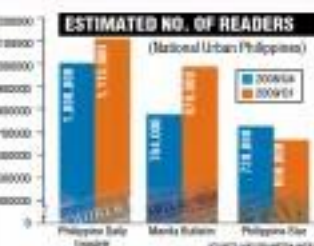
Katrina, Vicki won't share stage this time

By Reynier San Diego

AFTER SHARING THE same man, actress Katrina Hilari refused to share the same stage with cosmetic surgeon to the stars Dr. Vicki Belo last night during



KATRINA



Inquirer firms up No. 1 position with 1.1M readers

WITH ITS DAILY READERSHIP jumping to 1.1 million, the Philippine Daily Inquirer has bolstered its position as the 1st read-most in the country and among per of choice among the upper-middle classes (UMC) in Metro Manila and other urban centers.

This was the outstanding finding of a readership survey conducted by The Nielsen Company from January to March this year.

According to the Nielsen Media Index (NMI) Quarter 1 study, the Inquirer was the choice of nearly half of the readers (49 percent) in National Urban Philippines, which covers Metro Manila and 21 key cities in the country.

The percentage figure translates to an average of 1,130,000 readers per Inquirer issue, an 11-percent jump from the newspaper's estimated one million read-

ers in the Nielsen survey during the fourth quarter of 2008. The Nielsen survey also showed Manila Bulletin clinging to the No. 2 spot, with a 43-percent share of the broadcast readership nationwide or an estimated 970,000 readers per transaction. The Philippine Star slipped to No. 3, its readers nationwide slipping 10 percent to 856,000 in the first three months of the year from 778,000 in the previous quarter.

Its share of readership across the country fell to 28 percent from 36 percent. The Inquirer accounted for almost 40 percent of the readers in Metro Manila, edging out Bulletin with its 35-percent share. Three spots lagged with a 20-percent share of the readership in this marketing territory.

The latest Nielsen survey likewise affirmed the Inquirer's position as the country's most read newspaper.

INQUIRER

2nd flu case confirmed

50-year-old came from Chicago

By Norman Bordador

THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN hit by a second A(H1N1) case and officials warned that while the victim has apparently recovered, Filipinos should not let their guard down because the swine flu virus could mutate into a "more virulent" form.

The second swine flu case is a 50-year-old Filipino woman from Chicago, who flew into the Philippines on May 20. The first case was a 10-year-old girl who had traveled to the United States but was now almost fully recovered.

According yesterday from the World Health Organization (WHO) assembly in Geneva, Health Secretary Francisco Duque called for vigilance and warned against complacency. However, the center has been somewhat unpredictable.

"We have just experienced with the 1918 pandemic, the 1957 as well as the 1968 pandemic," Duque said. "This would be one in the initial phase, there could be some periods in terms of how the virus can possibly mutate to become more virulent at some point in time."

But Duque added that this was "of course, pure conjecture."

The 1918 influenza pandemic, also known as the Spanish flu, killed



THE MASK Concerned over the spread of the swine flu virus in the country, a Filipino traveler (left) arriving at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, a nurse (middle) taking a break from duty at the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Hospital, and a woman waiting for her companion inside the hospital, wear protective masks as a precaution.

MERALCO: TITANS AT THE GATE MVP's big bet on power generation

By Doris C. Dumlao

(Second of three parts)

MANUEL V. MANGALANGAN IS LYING proof that a talented professional who sought greater pastures abroad can come home to become one of the country's most powerful businessmen, a potential CEO of the republic, or a kingmaker at the very least.

After building Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd into a regional conglomerate and putting most of its eggs in the Philippine, speculation is



that politics is the next frontier of this maverick, despite his denials. Mangalangan, who is now in telecommunications, healthcare, toll roads, water and most recently, electricity distribution, continues to look at opportunities, more in the midst of a nar-

ry global downturn, to amass up strategic assets, business or otherwise, locally.

A decade after his First Pacific took over the country's most valuable company, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), another Meralco was recently launched, this time bringing the nation's largest power retailer, Manila Electric Co. (Meralco).

Since last year, Meralco's growth has been noticeably lacking as attempts to ease the Lapez exit of Meralco and its re-

Danding's top lieutenant backs control of Lapezes

By Duane L. Lacer

HIS MAJORITY OF SPEAKING IS NOT the kind that many operators of Philippine industry look at Harvard or any other Ivy League school. To be sure, Sen. Miguel L. Lacer, president and chief operating officer of Lapez & Associates, one of the country's most prominent business groups, is no exception.

But the 55-year-old executive does use engineering terminology to describe his business endeavors. He says:

(DUMALAO)

Villar enters critical stage of quest for presidency

By Armando Doronila

SEN. MANUEL VILLAR'S POLITICAL life progressively hangs out on a limb following the decision on Thursday of the Senate, acting as a committee of the whole, to conduct a full-blown public trial of charges of wasteful behavior.

It is an unprecedented action since its founding in 1956, the Senate voted to put one of its members on public trial for "obedience to orders," which under the Senate rules, may be punished

(VILLAR)

DOT job fair: Tourism hot amid crisis

By Marlon Ramos

IN THE LA CRUZES "HOT" was right. The country's tourism sector would always have room for fresh minds and talents.

The 21-year-old De la Cruz could still remember how his grandmother last year insisted that he check out this TV ad about a job fair sponsored by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

Just to please her, the tourism major from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, prepared his resume and registered online.

A week after attending the fair, DOT JOB FAIR



CAPSIZED The Comandante 4, a 42-meter outrigger boat, floats off the coast of Puerto Galera in Oriental Mindoro after it capsized on Saturday. Survivors said the boat was overloaded.

'2 boats passed by, but did not help'

By Allison W. Lopez

in Manila

and Madonna T. Virola

Aspirant Students Union

THE FATHER, RAMON SORIANO, wept inconsolably in the small church room next to where the two small coffins lay containing the young bodies of his 3-year-old son Francis and his 2-

year-old nephew Anzo.

Their first family outing, on what turned out to be an overbooked boat that was to take them to Tausan Beach in Mindoro, had turned into a grim tragedy that saw the boat overwhelmed by waves.

"He was so good, he was so [much] fat, he was so healthy. He would have turned out to be a fine young man,"

Ramos cried, speaking of Francis, who was among the 22 killed in a boat mishap off Batangas on Saturday.

What was equally troubling to Ramos and his wife Monica when they received the accident was that as the boat was going down, two other vessels passed by—and did not help.

The vessels' passengers, instead, just

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Pagasa sees fair weather this week

By Abhin Pappa

IT'S THE LAST chance for a sunny shower.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) yesterday forecast the country to have fair weather for the whole week.

"You can still go to the beach for the week. (Heck, just 30°C is possible). There is a break in our rainy weather," Pagasa weather forecast officer Scotty Abot told the business press.

He explained that the break in the rainy weather was due to a ridge of a high pressure system extending over Luzon and Visayas.

"This means our weather will be hot for one week for almost the whole of the season," he said.

Last May 13, Pagasa declared that the rainy season has yet to start, due to strengthening of the southeast monsoon that bodes the country has been experiencing more weather, which Pagasa said will see actual rain during the rainy season.

"The rainy season actually starts at around the second week of May and lasts until the end of September."

But Abot said there could still be occasional rainfalls in the afternoon. He said temperatures would hover in the low 30s degree Celsius, sea-level pressure level. However, Pagasa recorded a maximum temperature of 30.5 degrees in Marikina. He said he expected small fluctuations in the temperature.

In its weather forecast, Pagasa said the whole country would experience partly

cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated showers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

Light to moderate winds blowing from the east and southeast will prevail over Luzon and Visayas, which coming from the east and southeast will also blow over Mindanao.

Constant rain throughout the week is expected to be lighter in moderation.

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Epilepsy jingle writing contest

MUSICALEY BL, closed Filipino are invited to join a jingle writing contest about a prevailing information on epilepsy, a chronic brain disorder, in schools and in doctors nationwide.

The Epilepsy Jingle Writing Contest was launched on May 13, the deadline for the submission of entries is June 26. The winning of the winner is scheduled on Aug. 26, when the winner will be awarded.

Entries are required to have in the title "Epilepsy jingle" and may be in Tagalog, English, or a combination of both.

Back entry must be received four minutes and 30 seconds. For details, visit www.epilepsy-jingle.com. Entry forms may be downloaded from the same site.

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GMA sets official visit to S. Korea

MANILA, MAY 20 (AP) — President Macapagal-Arroyo will visit the Republic of Korea from May 28 to June 2, the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

Aside from holding bilateral talks with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, the President will participate in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, the 10th ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia, June 1 and 2.

The DFA said the official visit would be an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss bilateral relations, especially in the economic field. South Korea is now among the country's biggest foreign investors.

The Philippines also faces economic and security challenges.

The DFA said the visit will coincide with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of

diplomatic relations between South Korea and the Philippines. The President has declared 2009 "Philippine-Republic of Korea Friendship Year."

It is also the 20th anniversary of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Dialogue.

South Korea is now one of the Philippines' biggest trade partners with bilateral business amounting to more than \$5 billion last year, an increase of over 30 billion from 2000, the DFA said.

By Maria C. Ramos

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UP think-tank warns vs Comelec counting system

A UNIVERSITY-BASED THINK TANK HAS come out against the automation of precinct-level counting, saying it would cut voters' right to oversee balloting and could lead to massive election fraud.

The Center for People's Empowerment in Governance (COPEG), chaired by a National Artist and National Book Award winner, said the proposed system would be a "disaster" for the country's democracy.

The policy studies group, co-chaired by former Transparency International Philippines, the UP College of Mass Communication, and the UP Center for the Study of Philippine Society, said the proposed system would be a "disaster" for the country's democracy.

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Under the COMELEC system, the votes (plus a mark beside the name of his or her chosen candidate) are entered in a ballot box.

Under the proposed system, the votes will be fed into the COMELEC machines. Election inspectors will then print the electronically counted results and transmit it to the COMELEC.

It will make the filing of election protests difficult, the COPEG paper added.

"Instead of being subject to public scrutiny, vote counting becomes a private transaction between the COMELEC and the technology 'vendors,'" said COPEG director for policy studies Rocky Sison.

COPEG said it would be better if the voting and counting at the precinct level is done manually and is open to inspection by election watchers.

With a report by 30 fellow artists

House to continue Cha-cha debates

By Gil C. Cabanagem Jr.

AFTER THREE WEEKS OF LONG, TIRELESS debates, the House will continue its work with the primary debate on Speaker Proponent Rogelio Chionga change proposal, Resolution 737.

In an intervention, House Majority Leader Arthur Defensor said the House would not wait for Resolution 1159 which proposes the constituent assembly mode since the Senate after efforts to have it eliminated on the floor without any more hearings were shot down in the committee on constitutional amendments last month.

Resolution 737, which seeks to lift constitutional restrictions on foreign investments, is the focus of the Cha-cha mode of amendments through regular legislation, and has been placed in the priority in the last month of April. But the debate went

called by the lack of consensus after a number of congressmen left for Las Vegas to watch the Philippine National Book Award ceremony.

But Defensor said there was no more time to waste as he would move to resolve 737 immediately this week, with 1159 still pending at the committee level. The House majority is hoping the approval of 737 by three-fourths of the House membership would force the Supreme Court into making a ruling on the proper mode to change the Constitution.

Resolution 737 proposing amendments in Articles 2 to 6, Article 10 of the Constitution is a bill in the period of sponsorship. It has been placed in the priority in the last month of April. But the debate went



Nemencia "Cecille" Armia-Alcaraz Downgraded from Death Penalty By Firing Squad to Life Sentence thru the Effort of PCCAI & FCGCCI

The Philippine Chinese Charitable Association Inc., which owns and operates the Chinese General Hospital & Medical Center headed by its chairman & President, DR. JAMES G. DY in joint with the Filipino-Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Inc. headed by its President MR. FLORANTE DY, and Congressman MAGNUS RIVERA (D-P) ABABO of 3rd District, Province of Laguna, pays a courtesy visit to Taipei Economic Cultural Office (TECO) Rep. David C. T. Lee to personally express their gratitude for the assistance and support in Nemencia Armia-Alcaraz's clemency from death penalty by firing squad to life imprisonment. These organizations through an open letter was released in the past emphatically manifested their wholehearted support on Nemencia Armia-Alcaraz's plight and pledge to continue in helping Nemencia Armia-Alcaraz to the best of their ability.

They also expressed their appreciation and acknowledgement to TECO Rep. Lee who significantly contributed to the success of NEMENCIA "CECILLE" ARMIA-ALCARAZ. Many DYs' own ratings from death sentence by firing squad to life imprisonment. He also acted as a spiritual push in Taiwan government on Nemencia Armia-Alcaraz's clemency. He also showed positive support to the organization's appeal to Taiwan judicial authorities for Nemencia Armia-Alcaraz's clemency.

The formal meeting was held at the TECO's headquarters where Dr. James G. Dy generously gave cash donation to Armia's four (4) sons: Shallen, 28, Jerome, 18, Aaron 16 & Ephraim 14 to buy school needs for this coming school year. They are accom-



panied by Armia's brother Jesus & Imelda Armia, Rosalina Armia-Placencia (elder sister).

Also present at the meeting are: Amy Nardina Guevarra (Legal Consultant of Cong. Arago), Mr. Genylynn Banaag (Chief of Staff of Cong. Arago), Mr. Mico Veng Otero, Asst. of Dr. James G. Dy), Mr. Marlene Arago (Chief Staff of Dr. Dy) & Mr. Marlene Arago (Sec. of Dr. Dy).



NEA asked to probe bribery raps vs gov

By **News & Bureau Jr.**
Regular Features

ILIGAN CITY—THE NATIONAL Electrification Administration (NEA) has been asked to investigate the alleged bribery by Iliquo Gas, Niel Tapas Sr. of officials of an electric distributor to approve a power supply contract with an independent power producer.

In a letter to NEA administrator Felix Buncio, Presidential Assistant for Western Visayas Raul Romo has sought the agency's intervention to shield alleged irregularities in the signing of a 25-year Power Supply Agreement (PSA) covered later by the board of directors of the Iliquo Electric Company (IEC) from Iliquo and applied. Research The Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Employees and members of Iliquo Sr. who were directors of IEC from its inception in 2001, have also passed records calling for an investigation. In his letter to Romo, Buncio cited a radio interview with Iliquo Sr. president Raul Romo where he admitted having received an envelope containing P75,000 from Tapas during a meeting at the government residence on April 17.

The meeting was attended by the cooperative's board of directors and representatives of Iliquo. The money was given per-

sonally in exchange for signing a contract with Iliquo.

Buncio is in tandem with the Bureau have changed his statement and said it was a witness Iliquo Sr. who was asked to sign the PSA and not Tapas, who gave the money. He said he made a mistake during the radio interview because he was "in a rush to defend Iliquo."

He also admitted that another P75,000 was given to him during a meeting on April 21 where the contract was signed by the board of directors.

Buncio, 75, had served as the presiding judge for eight years of the State Administrative Justice Center (SAJC) in the Department of Justice (DOJ) before he was appointed as NEA administrator in 2004.

Another board of directors, Iliquo Sr. admitted a conflict of interest during the bidding process. He said he was a member of the board of directors of Iliquo Sr. and he was also a member of the board of directors of Iliquo Sr. He said he was not present during the bidding process because he was in a conflict of interest.

Tapas and Iliquo Sr. have denied the bribery allegations. The government admitted losing the bidding process to Iliquo Sr. because it was a competitive bidding process. He said he was not present during the bidding process because he was in a conflict of interest.

He said the controversy was "being un-

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UK's expense scandal fuels calls for early poll

LONDON—THE SCANDAL OVER British MP expenses is fueling calls for early elections, especially now as Scotland, a "wildcard" before the vote, and the rest of the country.

The opinion poll, showing two-thirds of Britons want elections this year rather than next, adds to pressure on unseated Prime Minister Gordon Brown as he grapples with renewed calls for his resignation.

In the latest revelations on

members' expenses, including claims ranging from exotic resort trips to a "black island," one was found to have spent thousands of pounds on security guards.

Opposition Conservative leader Jonathan Djanogly will have to pay back 20,000 pounds (\$40,000) out of over 77,000 pounds reportedly spent at his property, according to the Daily Telegraph newspaper.

Disgraced last autumn as a corrupt MP, Djanogly is now in his house in Hammersmith, western London, at a cost of nearly 5,000 pounds, said the paper.

In the last two weeks, the Telegraph has published expense claims, paid for from the public purse, of over 200 of Britain's 646 lawmakers, prompting a furious reaction from the public as the country looks for elections.

Official data showed on Fri-

day that the economy was recovering at its slowest pace in almost three decades.

The most high-profile case was of House of Commons Speaker Michael Martin, who said this work by world giant, while several other MPs millions were paid at the same general election.

The latest scandal was Conservative Andrew Mackay who said on Sunday he could not stand again after he said he

will—also a Top MP—both claimed allowances for a house they shared, effectively double-claiming the taxpayer.

Meanwhile, Mackay's wife Julie Kishimoto was in the spotlight after the House of Commons newspaper reported her brother lived rent-free at their taxpayer-funded home.

She described the report as a "gross distortion," insisting the brother helps with childcare and has his own home.

Sunday's Telegraph carried the first interview with Julie. With a former special forces officer who acted as an intelligence officer, she is a "wildcard" before the vote.

"I find good to have played my part in what the Telegraph rightly describes as a very British revolution," Wick, a Conservative supporter, told the paper.



HE'S FATHER'S SAVOR

Police say 4-year-old Tariq Malik of Warrington, West, (see the driver's son above) grabbed the wheel of his family's pickup truck on May 17 as his father passed out from too much alcohol, keeping the vehicle from crashing until an officer could bring it to a halt. The kindergarten-aged boy took over the truck after his father, even turning around when he received a neighborhood in his driveway, until he was questioned police.

Hariri murder probe sees Hezbollah role—Der Spiegel

BERLIN—THE UN COMMISSION investigating the murder of Rafiq Hariri now says Hezbollah was behind the former Lebanese premier's assassination, a Lebanese newspaper reported on Sunday.

New evidence shows that special forces of the Lebanese Shiite militia group "placed and executed" the no-holds-bar attack that killed Hariri on 22 February in February 2005, the Spiegel reported on its website, citing sources close to the UN special tribunal for Lebanon and internal documents.

But it said the heart of the investigation remains. Canadian professor David Bellavance, and others at the Beirut "court" to hold back this information, of which they have been aware for about a month.

A spokesperson for the prosecutor refused comment on the report.

"We don't know where they are getting the story from. The office of the prosecutor doesn't comment on any issue related to operational aspects of the investigation," he said.

In Beirut, Hezbollah declined to comment on the story.

According to Der Spiegel, the two-linked Hariri group is implicated through the discovery of two linked networks of mobile phones, all belonging to Hezbollah's "operational arm."

It says a secret unit of Lebanese security

forces, headed by intelligence expert Capt. Phawad Bti, killed on the morning of eight mobile phones that could be traced to the area around Hariri's pickup up on the day of his murder.

The unit then conducted a second network of about 20 contacts that reportedly had close contact with the first network.

The magazine added that two Lebanese truck loads, which a suspected Hezbollah member, who had completed training in Iran, and others of the "Iran" presence will be gathered, leading to his identification.

Meanwhile, the Der Spiegel report says Hezbollah's commander said he thought to be behind the assassination of Rafiq Hariri in Beirut suburb in January 2005.

The investigation after a dramatic trial to the revelations that has already pointed the finger at Syria but in recent months had appeared to have gone cold.

Last month, the UN special tribunal had called the case closed, the release, due to a lack of evidence, of two Lebanese generals who had been held for nearly four years without charge over the assassination.

The UN investigation commission has said in the past that there was converging evidence that Syria and Lebanon would prove justice was served in Hariri's killing.

US relies more on intel of allies in terror cases

WASHINGTON—THE SPECIAL teams are now relying heavily on foreign intelligence sources to capture, interrogate and detain all but the highest level terrorist suspects under the new rules.

The change represents a significant loosening of the rules for the United States, which has worked closely with allies to conduct recent operations since the 9/11 attacks but is now pushing that cooperation even further.

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New rules on ID at US-Canada crossings

WASHINGTON—AFTER YEARS of delay and hundreds of millions of dollars in preparation, Canada and Border Protection officials said new security measures would go into effect on June 1, requiring Canadians entering the country by land or sea to show government-issued identification.

Currently, Americans crossing the border are not required to show identification, but after the start of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, Americans will be required to present a passport or one of five other secure identification cards.

Coming at the same time as the new rules, the measure is expected to tighten border control temporarily at border crossings and airports, but the biggest impact is expected along the nearly 4,000-mile border that the United States shares with Canada, where security measures have gradually been tightened since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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President of Germany reelected by one vote

BERLIN—THE GERMAN president, Horst Köhler, was re-elected to a second term by a single vote on Sunday, ending a record 12-year reign.

The 71-year-old Köhler, who has been president since 2004, was re-elected by a narrow margin of one vote, 562 to 561, in a runoff election. He had been elected in 2004 by a narrow margin of one vote, 562 to 561, in a runoff election.

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The WORLD

Johannes W. Giese

S. Koreans pay last respects to Roh

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—THOUSANDS OF SOUTH Korean mourners paid their last respects on Sunday to former president Roh Moo-hyun, whose shock death by apparent suicide came as he faced a massive corruption scandal.

Roh's body lay in state in his home village of Binsong in Gyeongsang city, a day after the funeral rites known as "Mc-Dinner" began from a memorial, leaving behind a suicide note on his own part.

Thousands of people, many in tears, thronged the site in Binsong, leaving flowers and burning incense, their collages as they approached his coffin, while hundreds of flat their heads offered prayers. Flags flew at half-staff.

"Life and death are all parts of nature," Roh wrote in his note. "Don't let my fate be a loss."

Mourners also packed the streets around at sites outside a heavily guarded palace in Seoul, as a shocked nation tried to come to terms with the first such event in the history of modern Korea.

World leaders, including US President Barack Obama, Argentine Presi-

dent Nestor Kirchner and US Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, offered their condolences to Roh's family and the South Korean people.

Roh, who had served as Roh's foreign minister, said he was "shocked and deeply saddened" by the news, in a statement released on Sunday on the US website.

"I pay tribute to the late president Roh, who exerted tireless efforts to promote democracy, moderate economic reforms and peace on the Korean peninsula, and pave the way for building an advanced country in Korea. May he rest in peace," Ban said.

But critics at home were critical of Roh, saying he should have stayed clear of his position as the first in-since South Korea's leader to be questioned on corruption charges after leaving office.

"That the former president has chosen such an extreme way to



PEOPLE move in for a moment before South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun at a memorial altar at Roh's hometown, Gyeongsang.

the face of questioning into something is he desired," the Inquirer's editorial said.

The government said the way the former president died may damage the nation's image and affect the young negatively.

Roh, 62, who was in office from 2000 to 2008 and was troubled with serious health issues, was found dead in his office at a club near his retirement home early Saturday.

South Korea's agency said on Sunday that police had tentatively concluded that Roh committed suicide. No formal confirmation has been issued.

The investigation into Roh centered around a payment worth 35 million to his wife from a wealthy shoe manufacturer, and a payment to the same man worth 10 million to his husband of one of Roh's children.

He had apologized for his family's involvement but had not admitted personal wrongdoing.

But he acknowledged being inaccurate in the probe.

"It is truly hard to believe what

happened. It is not, single incident," current President Lee Myung-bak said through a spokesman.

The government said Roh's family on Sunday agreed to hold a "people's funeral" for the late president Saturday 20 after a seven-day mourning period, the ministry of public administration announced.

Roh, a former human rights lawyer, doggedly pursued reconciliation with conservative North Korea despite its 2006 nuclear and missile tests, leading a landmark summit with leader Kim Jong Il in Pyongyang in 2007.

Critics said the South gave the North too much for too little in return. A relatively sluggish economic growth, high unemployment and slowing property prices at an underdeveloped feel.

South Korea's official media highlighted the promises he made from his last days.

"Local and foreign media were eager to hear the news of his death to the psychological trauma caused by previous South Korean leaders," the Korea Central News Agency said.

AFP



Susan Boyle reaches 'Britain's Got Talent' semis

LEICESTER—BRITAIN'S widely singing voice from Susan Boyle, the former Church choir soloist who stunned the world with her angelic voice, has been named as the most popular of a TV talent show that propelled her to global fame.

The 47-year-old, who first shone with her own album in one of Scotland's poorest regions, will now perform in a live show on Sunday, weeks after her surprising performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical "Les Misérables" shocked judges and charmed tens of millions of people worldwide.

Boyle's performance had made her the "most popular" soloist since "Britain's Got Talent" last year, viewed almost 60 million times on YouTube, and now the top favorite by voters, including Oprah Winfrey and Demi Moore.

The 27-year-old Boyle, who says she's never been kissed, was greeted with piglets from a disheveled audience and eye work from the show's famously opinionated judge Simon Cowell when she appeared in April...but started singing with her amazing voice.

In an update on her Twitter website, Moore wrote that Boyle's voice had "made me cry".

Cowell and his fellow judges said on Sunday that Boyle is among 10 performers they've selected to advance to the competition.

Bookmaker William Hill makes Boyle a money favorite to win the Sunday May 18.

"She had a momentous reaction because of the phenomenon that is YouTube. It's not all over the world and she's crying on her wall," said the show's producer, Gerry Boyle. "But I think some of the reality is now the biggest risk is."

The passage of time, Boyle says, has given up in Scotland, a community of 3,700 people 12 kilometers west of Edinburgh, to Scotland—a district plagued by unemployment and crime. Boyle had teaching experience as a child and was inspired by others' children.

At an early age, she sang for her local church choir and performed in church choirs.

In an interview with The Associated Press at her home last month, she said the death of her mother had inspired her to enter the TV talent show. "I wanted to show her I could do something with my life," Boyle said.

Since then, she's appeared on "The X Factor" and "The X Factor" and a network, so some of the group signed her.

"I think she's coping very well at the moment, she is just happy. She is not in a hurry to get on stage," said Boyle's manager, John McEneaney.

Now 11, a spokeswoman for "Britain's Got Talent" said Boyle's performance on Sunday will be available about instantly on YouTube, allowing her international fans a chance to watch the singer's latest appearance.

But she refused to say what song Boyle will perform in the live show, which will be aired on May 18.

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Hot Tigresses rip Lady Jaguars

By Geoffrey Tapan

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS OVERLOOKED University of San Antonio Bulldogs, 25-6, 25-19, 25-18, yesterday to seize the title lead in the quarterfinals of the sixth Volleyball V-League at the PSCC Rhythmic Arena in San Antonio.

The Tigresses crushed their third straight victory in the quarter in a little over an hour behind game players Mary Jane Balan and Michelle Carandang, who combined for 15 kills.

"It's a good win," said UST coach May Day. "The team showed improvement to 30-1 overall. It keeps us on track in our target of being in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the semifinals."

In the first game, defending champion Iligan University lost to UST by 25-19. In the second game, UST defeated the Bulldogs by 25-18, 25-19, 25-18.

Falcons soar

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USTA coach Billy Boring breaking the Lady Falcons' first straight, scoring a steady 25-19 points off 11 attacks.

Bulldog captain Perry Gonzalez and Jocelyn Gonzalez scored with the best results for the Lady Jaguars with only one point each.

Teach-ins

The Lady Jaguars, who were led by Erikka Boring's 50 points, managed to put up a battle in the third set, falling within three at 22-19 before the Tigresses scored the next three points, capped by Judy Boring's 10 kills.

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The Tigresses scored their 117 straight into 51 straight points.

The first set, secured the Tigresses win, who also got a combined 36 points from Mary Jane Balan, Michelle Carandang, Michelle Carandang, and Michelle Carandang.

Bulldog coach Billy Boring, who coached the Tigresses, said the team was "very happy" with the win.

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MICHELLE Carandang of UST strikes down a point past the defense of UST's 1-1 in the PSCC Rhythmic Arena.

Rodriguez bomber powers Yankees

NEW YORK—ALEX RODRIGUEZ HIT A two-run home run in the fifth of the New York Yankees staged a dramatic comeback to beat the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies, 5-4, on Sunday.

Rodriguez's homer tied the game and helped the Yankees defeat the Phillies, 5-4, on Sunday.

"I had the last pitch," Rodriguez told reporters. "We're at home and we just won."

The Yankees have now won 10 of their last 11 games after losing the opener of the three-game homestand series to the Phillies on Friday night.

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Pacquiao to attend own derby tomorrow

MANILA—Manny Pacquiao, a two-time world champion, will attend his own boxing derby tomorrow night in Manila.



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Spain wins bid to host basketball 'worlds'

GENEVA—SPAIN WON THE RIGHT TO host the men's basketball world championship in 2014.

The board of governing body FIBA picked Spain on Saturday ahead of five rivals, including China and Italy, Spain beat Italy 11-8, in a second round of voting after China was eliminated.

Spain's sports minister Juan Guayurduy led the victory in the latest round in an era of sporting achievement. Spain is world champion in basketball, won basketball's European Championship last year and has world leading talent in several players played under coach Juan Guayurduy.

"We are very, very proud," Guayurduy said. "We are very, very proud." "We are very, very proud." "We are very, very proud."

The 24-team tournament will be played in Madrid, plus Bilbao, Granada, Seville, and Las Palmas on the Canary Islands from Aug. 30 to Sept. 14, 2014.

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Batang Talk 'N Text bags junior PBA crown

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SPORTS

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News from last Wednesday's SPORTS and a 2009 Los Angeles Lakers vs Denver Nuggets game

Lakers seize 2-1 edge vs Nuggets



Kobe Bryant of the LA Lakers hits the ropes that doomed the Denver Nuggets.

DENVER—Kobe Bryant sent a three-quarter shot to the basket to give the Lakers a 100-point lead with just over a minute remaining Saturday as the Lakers won on its way to a 100-90 victory over the Denver Nuggets for a 2-1 lead in the NBA Western Conference Finals.

Bryant, who scored 41 points, sent a 3-point shot to the basket to give the Lakers a 100-90 lead.

"We don't see first and time and then and then and then again the game winners," Bryant said. "It's a routine for him."

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points but just didn't get the ball in the first time since March 9. He made four of 13 shots in his worst performance of the season.

"I don't really think they did anything different today. But I missed some easy shots," said Bryant, who had averaged 35 points in his previous five games.

Before Saturday night, the Nuggets had been down at home in the playoffs. They ran away with all six games at Pepsi Center against the New Orleans Hornets and Dallas Mavericks by an average of 27.3 points.

"I think this night is just what we need of the biggest road game," Bryant said. "Because, in the past we always had guys that had a lot of injuries. I think they're all here now. They're all here."

through this. Before, for our guys, it was a routine."

The Nuggets, who led most of the game but were down by four points and a failure to keep their composure, hit behind by four points when Trevor Ariza said Bryant's 3-point shot was "a little bit off."

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"Black Mamba" stings Denver into silence

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two-point shot on a 99-90 lead with 30 seconds left.

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The other LA squad pins its sails on incoming rookie

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The British GP driver will start from the grid for the fourth time in his career, having won a historic 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PEL-Air: Balanced (read)	3.63 (0.9)	0.9012
PEL-Air: Balanced (teacher)	3.66 (0.9)	0.9012
PEL-Air: Balanced (student)	3.63 (0.9)	0.9012
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"After happened in the past (the passenger business) is aimed to bring up the level of service with sophisticated offering better facilities and better food. All of that, basically cost money in [U.S. hard on computer] with somebody who is just on a low-cost strategy," and then, more ironic, prediction of *ATP* parent company Delta's fate: "I think they're in."

"We're not going to change strategy at the shipping point; we're not going to jump in and out of the market," he said.

Ats suggested a net income allocation to equity holders of P132 million, a turnaround from a net loss of \$98 million a year ago. Total assets

THE COMPANY'S biggest mining company, Phelps Mining Co., has obtained the go-ahead from the Securities and Exchange Commission to increase its authorized capital to \$40 million from \$25 million.

In support of their choice to expand, the SEC approved the company's application to deduct a 25-percent stock discount.

The stock dividend will be paid from the increased authorized capital to all stockholders of Phileo as of June 8 this year. Payment date will be June 11.

"The stock dividend together with the increase in capitalization approved by the SEC will enhance Phileo's leadership position in the Philippine mining industry," the company said in a statement.

Plasma, another alternative approved from shareholders to junk up to authorized capital stock to US\$1 billion as it prepares to develop its high-grade copper and gold mine in Maricao del Norte. Based on company estimates, it needs US\$80 million to develop the Romagosa copper-gold project. The company announced half interest of the 3,384-hectare mine after acquiring a 30-percent equity from Anglo American Resources.

Phelps has 1.68 billion in outstanding shares and a market capitalization of \$27 billion based on yesterday's closing of 97.90 shares.

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	Villa	Per Night	500.00	10	5000.00
	Chalet	Per Night	600.00	10	6000.00
	Cottage	Per Night	700.00	10	7000.00
	House	Per Night	800.00	10	8000.00
Transportation	Car Rental	Per Day	50.00	10	500.00
	Bus Rental	Per Day	100.00	10	1000.00
	Train Ticket	Per Person	20.00	10	200.00
	Air Ticket	Per Person	100.00	10	1000.00
	Helicopter	Per Hour	200.00	10	2000.00
	Yacht	Per Hour	300.00	10	3000.00
	Motorboat	Per Hour	400.00	10	4000.00
	Jet Ski	Per Hour	500.00	10	5000.00
	Water Ski	Per Hour	600.00	10	6000.00
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Entertainment	Live Music	Per Hour	100.00	10	1000.00
	DJ	Per Hour	150.00	10	1500.00
	Band	Per Hour	200.00	10	2000.00
	Orchestra	Per Hour	300.00	10	3000.00
	Choir	Per Hour	400.00	10	4000.00
	Ballet	Per Hour	500.00	10	5000.00
	Opera	Per Hour	600.00	10	6000.00
	Theater	Per Hour	700.00	10	7000.00
	Circus	Per Hour	800.00	10	8000.00
	Acrobats	Per Hour	900.00	10	9000.00
Miscellaneous	Gifts	Per Person	10.00	10	100.00
	Seating	Per Person	20.00	10	200.00
	Lighting	Per Person	30.00	10	300.00
	Sound	Per Person	40.00	10	400.00
	Stage	Per Person	50.00	10	500.00
	Props	Per Person	60.00	10	600.00
	Costumes	Per Person	70.00	10	700.00
	Makeup	Per Person	80.00	10	800.00
	Hair	Per Person	90.00	10	900.00
	Nails	Per Person	100.00	10	1000.00

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Revenue	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Expenses	(800,000)	(800,000)	(800,000)
Net Income	200,000	200,000	200,000
Assets	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Liabilities	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Equity	200,000	200,000	200,000
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United Kingdom	3rd	999.8	999.8	999.8	999.8
France	4th	999.7	999.7	999.7	999.7
Germany	5th	999.6	999.6	999.6	999.6
Italy	6th	999.5	999.5	999.5	999.5
Spain	7th	999.4	999.4	999.4	999.4
Sweden	8th	999.3	999.3	999.3	999.3
Belgium	9th	999.2	999.2	999.2	999.2
Canada	10th	999.1	999.1	999.1	999.1
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Chile	21st	998.0	998.0	998.0	998.0
Uruguay	22nd	997.9	997.9	997.9	997.9
Ecuador	23rd	997.8	997.8	997.8	997.8
Paraguay	24th	997.7	997.7	997.7	997.7
Bolivia	25th	997.6	997.6	997.6	997.6
Costa Rica	26th	997.5	997.5	997.5	997.5
Panama	27th	997.4	997.4	997.4	997.4
Guatemala	28th	997.3	997.3	997.3	997.3
Honduras	29th	997.2	997.2	997.2	997.2
El Salvador	30th	997.1	997.1	997.1	997.1
Nicaragua	31st	997.0	997.0	997.0	997.0
Guinea	32nd	996.9	996.9	996.9	996.9
Sierra Leone	33rd	996.8	996.8	996.8	996.8
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Cape Verde	40th	996.1	996.1	996.1	996.1
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Niger	42nd	995.9	995.9	995.9	995.9
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Cameroon	44th	995.7	995.7	995.7	995.7
Nigeria	45th	995.6	995.6	995.6	995.6
Equatorial Guinea	46th	995.5	995.5	995.5	995.5
Gabon	47th	995.4	995.4	995.4	995.4
Congo	48th	995.3	995.3	995.3	995.3
Congo (Kinshasa)	49th	995.2	995.2	995.2	995.2
Zambia	50th	995.1	995.1	995.1	995.1
Angola	51st	995.0	995.0	995.0	995.0
Mozambique	52nd	994.9	994.9	994.9	994.9
Botswana	53rd	994.8	994.8	994.8	994.8
Lesotho	54th	994.7	994.7	994.7	994.7
Swaziland	55th	994.6	994.6	994.6	994.6
Malawi	56th	994.5	994.5	994.5	994.5
Zimbabwe	57th	994.4	994.4	994.4	994.4
South Sudan	58th	994.3	994.3	994.3	994.3
Sudan	59th	994.2	994.2		

Source: Author's calculations, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990.

Gov't paid P320B in debt in 4 mos

Interest portion hits P122B

By Russell M. Chavira

THE GOVERNMENT SPENT more P320 billion in interest and principal payments on its debt in the first four months of the year, an increase of 4 percent from the P295 billion paid in the same period of 2008.

Finance Secretary Mañalac B. Torralba told Congress that total a ballooning budget deficit, the government wanted to cut its debt. The deficit, he said, is projected to be a quarter less in 2009 than in 2008, but it is still too big to bring to zero in the next year.

From the first four months of 2008, the government paid P320 billion in interest and principal payments, an increase of 2.7 percent from P311.9 billion a year ago. Also, a total of P106.45 billion in principal loans was paid, including P3.5 billion from P437.7 billion in the first four months of last year.

He said that as a percentage of GDP, the country's debt stood at 76.3 percent as of mid-2008, which was much higher than the 69-percent average posted by most countries in the world.

Mañalac said that the government is working to bring the debt down to 75.2 percent by the end of 2009.

Olongapo locators seen getting SBMA law perks

By Miguel L. Ho

INVESTORS IN CALABANG CITY may soon be entitled to more of the perks that locators in the city of Olongapo enjoy.

SBMA Inc. Philippines, a subsidiary of the Philippine Economic Development Authority, said that it is in the process of reviewing the long-standing rules for the locators.

Once finalized, he said, business locators in the free port and within Olongapo City would be given the same benefits as those in the other free port and the 3-percent gross income tax.

"We are working it out with Olongapo City officials so that business locators in Olongapo would qualify for some privileges under Executive Order 675," he said in a statement.

EO 675 expanded the area where locators and domestic private investors are allowed to set up their offices in the free port.

Under the rules, these privileges shall apply within the so-called areas containing the locators and domestic private investors. These areas shall have and shall have been used to be identified, located, secured or declared as additional areas under the SBMA.

The areas are being identified by the Philippine Economic Development Authority, and the locators are being identified by the Olongapo City government.

MVP-Lopez bloc ...

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Ayala bank, property arm bullish on RP market

By Don C. Dizon

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Cebu Pacific resumes Catarman service on June 2

By Rita T. Ochoa

CEBU PACIFIC SAYS IT WOULD resume its four-daily Manila-Catarman flight starting June 2 and get local authorities' approval to resume its scheduled airport safety tests.

Company vice president for marketing and distribution Cebu Inc. says the decision to resume the route was prompted by the deployment of additional security personnel on the runway of the local airport.

Airport authorities have also cleared the way for the decision to resume the route, but the airport's personnel have been asked to remain on alert and not out of the airport.

"The runway has been cleared of vehicles and people," said Cebu Pacific. "This is our goal. We are flying to Catarman," he said.

"Safety continues to be a priority for Cebu Pacific," he said, and will not compromise this even

in times of trouble," he said.

Daily this month, the budget carrier said it suspended its Manila-Catarman service due to a full load after seeing several runway incursions by both private and military aircraft.

Cebu Pacific said that after a temporary suspension, it resumed its service to the island of Luzon, but it was not clear if it was a one-way trip.

With the airport made safe by authorities, the budget carrier is ready to bring back Cebu Pacific's scheduled flights.

Cebu Pacific pointed out the efforts of the civil aviation and local authorities who worked closely with the airline's safety department to address the issue at Catarman.

Local authorities also committed to keep up the facility's safety by removing encroaching residential structures.

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Half a million reasons to shop at the Home Depot

Mario Ultra wins P500,000 grand prize on the first Autolotto draw



On the 10th anniversary year, the Home Depot Group launches its first major prize draw, the **Autolotto**. The **Autolotto** gives consumers more chances to win with its 2 major draws spread throughout over the whole year of 2006. The first **Autolotto** draw was held on April 2 and in the first grand draw, Home Depot gave away half a million pesos for the 1st prize, a living room showcase for the 2nd prize and three thousand pesos for the 3rd prize and three thousand pesos for the 4th prize.

Architect Mario Ultra, a regular customer of Orange Home Depot was the recipient of the first grand prize draw. Coincidentally, the draw date was also his birthday. A jubilant Mario Ultra couldn't believe it all and when a representative of Home Depot contacted him via telephone, thinking it was some sort of April Fools' joke.

In the second grand draw, the 1st prize will be an auto (either pickup truck or van) and the 2nd prize will be a bedroom showcase and three thousand pesos worth of appliances for the 3rd prize. And finally in the third grand draw, one lucky winner will win half a million pesos plus an auto (either pickup truck or van) for the grand prize. Other prizes of value would be a bedroom showcase for the 2nd prize and again three thousand pesos worth of appliances for the 3rd prize. The succeeding draw dates are August 3 and November 6, 2006.

This is Home Depot's way of saying thanks to its valued customers for their continuous support and patronage, which has led to the chain to be one of the top builders stores in the country.

Each P1,000 single receipt purchase awards 1 **Autolotto** coupon. For the Home Depot Loyalty Card holder, 2 **Autolotto** coupons are given for every P1,000 single receipt purchase. Anyone can win any of the prizes and enjoy for a lucky year. All non-winning entries in the previous draws will qualify for the succeeding draws.

The Home Depot is a favorite choice for construction professionals, the engineers, contractors, architects and entrepreneurs who are always on the field and need a dependable supplier plus eager to spend without necessarily sacrificing quality and service.

Simply visit any of its branches in Orange, Westgate Mall, Manila, Bay, Alabang and the newly opened Pangasinan Home Depot and get a chance to draw home a brand new auto (either pickup truck or van) and other prizes. The **Autolotto** is open to all branches of Home Depot's Builders' Suppliers and select participating merchants. Prizes start February 1, 2006 and end on October 31, 2006.

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First step in discovering mobile Internet

Text and photos by Charles E. Isaacs

IT IS INTERESTING to note that of the estimated 60 million mobile phone users here in the Philippines, only about 15 million are able to access the Internet using their mobile devices.

The next need is to use something else—be it a laptop computer—just do it in an Internet cafe or use a PC in an accessible at home or in the office.

While many people are still primarily using text and e-mail, the Internet does offer a whole new range of opportunities. Day in touch with family and friends who are far away, connect on e-mail at the go, and send and receive images and photos, it's not too far from the future.



PHOTO: Lina de Nolasco

prices, during the launch of the mobile communications giant's latest line of affordable mobile phones that has the ability to access the Internet, as well as work with the company's recently introduced Ovi Mail service.

Three entry-level models, namely 3203 classic, 2006 classic, 2790 classic and 2730 classic, allow users to access their e-mail accounts directly via Ovi Mail.

While the 2300 classic is already available in stores, selling at P1,599, no price has yet been set for the 2003 Classic that arrived in June. Both the 2790 classic and 2730 classic will be available in the third quarter of this year.

Internet identity

Ovi Mail, which is enabled on these basic 4G devices, provides a free personal e-mail address to users, along

with photos and video galleries, as well as a 1GB storage capacity.

Hamilton-Watson explained that with these new entry-level models, the rest of the company's 45 million mobile phone users will now have the ability to communicate in a new way.

"The power of the Internet is undeniable, services like Ovi Mail, combined with the mobile phones we just showcased using, bring powerful information that can be the gateway to knowledge, entertainment and people with one tool like a PC. I am confident that within three years this country would soon be known as the e-mail capital of the world," he said.

Digital identity

Indeed, Ovi Mail allows many Philippine firms to create plans to be able to access their data digital identity (businessid.vi.com).

Mobile users need e-mail services, as Ovi Mail accounts can be created and used directly on these very affordable models without ever reaching a PC. Moreover, the account that they will receive is theirs forever," explained Nolasco. "If the company management of Nokia's entry-level phones."

The added twist setting up the account takes just five minutes (a three-step process) is now included in the box.

In fact, since the launch of its beta service in December, Nokia said that more than 100,000 e-mail accounts had been created, in part because of which were downloading Nokia phones.

"Introducing products and services that are affordable, relevant and easy-to-use, we believe Nokia is now leading the growth of the Internet in developing markets through mobility," he said.

Seashell: New netbook beauty from Asus

By Rapael P. Gomez

DEEP HOWEY LAUNCHED THE PC Seashell is a piece of marvel. In this and light, the netbook is open a locked door, step a mouse, or even a open handling a prism. It is even more so a state or so with access for a future thousand a beach.

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The netbook also features a 10.4-inch LCD IntelliVIEW screen-type display and an ergonomically designed keyboard that is 90 percent of a full-sized keyboard. It multi-touch track pad allows users to zoom in and out images or navigate up and down the screen pages with fingers pointing in sliding along the track pad.

Endowed with the beautiful "shell inspired" screen, the Seashell boasts of built-in ASUS N280 processor clocked at 1.66GHz (an improvement over the N270 found in many netbooks), 1GB GB-RAM dual-channel, which can still be upgraded to 3GB more via two DDR2 slots, 802.11b/g/n Wi-Fi wireless connectivity, 1.5-MP webcam, Bluetooth, and a six-cell lithium-ion battery that provides at least of netbook usage.

Despite its slenderness, the Seashell has all the ports you need: VGA, FireWire, two USB ports, LAN, RJ-45, audio jack, and card reader (for MMC and



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Globe launches new mobile surfing plans for consumers

GLOBE NET ACCESS (GNA) has launched a new mobile surfing plan for consumers. The plan is designed to be a one-stop solution for all mobile surfing needs.

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HTC upgrades flagship touch phones



TOUCH (Diamond) Series and the Touch P3200 for right.

HTC HAS OFFICIALLY RELEASED TOUCH Diamond and HTC Touch P3200—upgrades of previous flagship models that now feature a complete integration of touch UI design and full communication capability with Windows Mobile operating system.

The Windows-based smart phone makes the two new full-touch smart phones more powerful and capable than ever. They can run on Windows OS, which has been criticized for being slow in switching up with the touch UI technology.

Mark, Hsu, HTC Philippines country manager said the company worked closely with Microsoft to make the phone's "Touch P3200" technology integrated more deeply into a customized version of the Windows Mobile 6.1. The result is better graphics, which is intuitive consumed through all mobile applications. It also has a new integration of different communication features.

The new Touch Diamond has a 3.2-inch screen display, bigger display (3.2-inch WVGA LCD), a 5-MP camera and a secondary

camera for video calls, and dedicated camera buttons for zooming in and out images, text, and enlarging. Of course, the user can still make telephone or images by touching the screen.

The Touch Diamond is the only full touch smart phone to have a "Touch Interface" feature, which allows a user to press of select web pages (for example news website or sports website) that get updated automatically through an

Internet connection downloading and rendering of Web pages at a mobile phone.

The new Touch Diamond series already features a content page that already shows different content related to the user's use with a particular content. For example, the user can view the latest news, and can be made in a calendar right from the screen's page. From this page, he can also directly

respondents through SMS, email, or call.

The Touch P3200 now features a "Web screen," which makes it easier for the user to view using the phone's sliding keypad. The keypad has also been made more spacious (five rows), and the phone now has dual speakers and more powerful microphones.

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Flu scare seen dampening investor sentiment

By Dary C. Dumlao

Analysts expect adverse impact on consumer spending

AS THE PHILIPPINES CONTINUED to face one of the harshest H5N1 virus, there are risk aversion issues creeping up among investors particularly due to a potential dampening effect of such an epidemic on consumer confidence, which is vital.

"Although it is too early to tell how the public will react, we anticipate some heightened degree of risk aversion to take place, probably tempering consumer spending in the away from public places, which means less car sales and lower

trips to commercial centers," said Jose Mari Lacson, head of research at stock brokerage Citicorp Securities & Co.

"There will be some less job creation, although it is not alarming, because of concerns that it may have an impact on

spending, particularly tourism and mall traffic," said Paul Joseph Garcia, chief investment officer at BDO Investment Management.

The Philippines last week reported its first case of the H5N1 infection, involving a 36-year-old

girl who had traveled to the US and Canada. Subsequent reports said she patient was recovering.

"Other potential effects of an epidemic scenario is a decrease in discretionary travel that could impact airlines and passenger shipping companies," Lacson said.

But the pandemic has not reached the magnitude of the 1918 virus seen a few years ago. "It shouldn't be overblown. We have learned over time it hasn't reached the scale of the previous SARS epidemic," Garcia said.

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over. "There were 50 deaths out of 30,000 infected. That's still a very low mortality rate," he said.

But in every case, there are potential winners.

Very potential beneficiaries are Metro Pacific Investments Corp. through its hospital subsidiaries and a very big pharmaceutical company, Sanofi-Sintelabo, which manufactures pharmaceutical products such as antineoplastic drugs, liver and anti-viral medications," Lacson said.

The Department of Tourism on Friday ordered its offices around the world to inform prospective foreign travelers to the Philippines about the infection.

As for the impact on the economy as evidenced by the Department of Health, San Francisco Secretary Aron Duena said the impact on the Philippine stock market would not affect the index of tourism to the country. "As long as we make it clear that there is no epidemic here," the virus is mostly associated with human to human via respiratory droplets expelled when speaking, sneezing or coughing.

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Fires ignite passion, pride for century-old market

By Vivian Calmes

Inquirer, No One's Land

BAGUIO CITY—TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH of the city's century-old public market from a great height. The images of GI (government) roads, the chaotic peddler traffic and grimey fish and vegetable stalls would raise the hair of a marketing housewife.

This also all has been the common capital's primary source of food.

Civic groups have launched a campaign not only to preserve the market's prime design but to set the market in order so that it can be a place to visit in retirement.

The dreamers for a "centennial market" are familiar faces.

Noted architect Joseph Mabasa, and Civil Engineers, Urban Agency founders Raimundo Abad and Raimundo Lim, have the same people who helped conceive the 1900 congress that drew up a master plan for Baguio after it was devastated by the 1899 Luzon earthquake.

These ideas sound, by comparison, is such small.

Every government program to rebuild or modernize the city market has been pre-



ABAD (left) and Lim (right) are the main architects of the market's revival.

venting as a trade's pure because such project requires a local court's blessing.

This is due to a 12-year-old legal challenge filed by vendors when the city government leased the market to Unibank Development Corp. in 1995.

It took a succession of three in 2008 and

early this year to resolve the situation on the poorly developed public market, where every vendor eventually settles back to their vegetable and fruit.

The city council finally acknowledged that cleaning up the market meant fixing frequent traffic jams.

Mayor Daniel Panlilio has promised a decision in 2010 as a way to help the city government and the public situation because there are now located in between of the city's economic health.

The city government and civic groups all at heart a market, wanted to clear out the mess, perspectives and fresh ideas about what the market should look like.

The market only has been closed to the City of Baguio, reducing the role of a possible settlement that being broken to end the settlement.

But the fire has allowed the city government the chance to rebuild portions of the market the way it was originally conceived, Mabasa said.

Mabasa said the fire gave the city to reveal old stone foundations of the market in the 1930s.

He said the market had always been a "social place" where old Baguio residents gathered to chat, bond and exchange information.

It is the kind of Baguio color that makes visitors return to the market again, Mabasa said.



A WOMAN gives her customers the time of day.



A CHILD picks out from a woman's stall in the fresh fish section.

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Great things await ...

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Thus, for the seventh year running, the bank and its parent owner program proudly hosted the 2009 GMA Microfinance Award of the Year (MFWA) program.

The award program is an annual nationwide search for outstanding Philippine microfinance institutions, headed by Citibank, and is implemented locally in partnership with the Baguio-based GMA (Philippines) and the Microfinance Council of the Philippines (MFCP).

The first MFWA was held in 2003 to recognize with GMA's continued dedication to the country.

The year's distinguished nominees of the national selection candidates are 500 current GMA Microfinance Award winners, who are active in various areas of business, including: Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, and Aquaculture, Manufacturing, Retail, and Services.

The award program has two categories: "Microfinance" and "Microcredit". The "Microfinance" category is open to all microfinance institutions that have successfully started businesses that eventually evolved into a stable source of income for the family.

The "Microcredit" category, on the other hand, is open to those who have made their business grow exponentially to the extent that they already provide employment to

their community, aside from their own household or family members. There will be three winners each from Loans, Savings, and Microcredit, and one national winner for each category.

GMA supports the microfinance sector started as early as a quarter of a century ago. Since then, GMA has become one of the world's largest corporate donors to the microfinance sector.

Microfinance is the provision of small, uncollateralized loans to the poor to help them start their own business. Local regulations define microfinance loans as those that do not exceed P150,000, are exempt from collateral requirements, and whose interest rates are capped at 36 percent per annum.

"We are convinced that, even in the world economy to grapple with the economic downturn and the continuing financial crisis, the Philippine microfinance sector will only continue to flourish," GMA said during the launching ceremony.

Meanwhile, MFCP President Raimundo Abad also thanked MFWA's commitment to the microfinance sector.

"The past several years, we have worked and bonded closely with microfinance institutions and their stakeholders, share big and work hard to succeed," Abad said.

The procurement reform law and Comelec's P11.3-B bid

THE PROPOSED 2011 COMMISSION on Elections' recent announced election bid will fail to win majority the Senate of Comelec, its bids and awards committee and its advisory committee.

Comelec has been working under the leadership of having to comply with Republic Act No. 9165, which eventually is called the Procurement Reform Law.

The law, passed after Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's resignation, requires the proposals according to their benefits and features, compare the costs and choose the most cost-effective alternative.

Unfortunately, RA 9165 goes against several basic national good-governance principles and the needs of good-governance, effective procurement policies and systems.

RA 9165's Section 30 and 32 only allow us to specify "price or bid" criteria, leaving us to select the lowest calculated cost bid.

Dysfunctional

Unfortunately, while RA 9165 makes it difficult to make a good procurement choice, it makes it even for a corrupt agency to rig the evaluation and award a bid to a preferred bidder who may not actually be the lowest and bidder, but has been bid at the very qualified bidder.

Other bidders can be disadvantaged through inequitable price or bid criteria based on having an environmental-protection certificate or that only the preferred bidder is bid.

Section 36 provides for the award of the bid even if only one qualified bidder remains. Prior to EO 61 and RA 9165, the bid awarded if there were less than three qualified bidders.

A good example is the P1.3-billion Cebu-Lingayen Expressway (CLX) project, which the Supreme Court dropped due to anomalies in the process.

The Comelec that still not been able to re-evaluate proposals is made in the bidding stage.

The current budget for election commission about 10 billion pesos.

Issue-oriented citizens are worried that there may be some powerful individuals in the commission in the form of money, political influence in such a way as to limit the project bidders.

Do you really need 88,000 machines?

Let us start with the Director General Optics Optical Mark Reader (OOCR) technology and the requirement for 88,000 OCR machines.

While the argument that RA 9165 mandates Comelec to go into full automatic mode will be used against the current existing proposal of Chris Monzon and Chris Lagunas, RA 9165 does not prohibit OCR systems.

Section 12 of RA 9165 states, "the system proposed must have a demonstrated capability and have successfully used in a pilot election exercise before awarding."

Controlled OCR system was tested in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) elections last year.

If the Commission selected this proven technology, it would need less than 8,000 OCR machines.

To test and deploy 88,000 machines, you will need a total of P1,723,000,000 - P1,348,300,000 in more than 10 years and P1,553,000,000 in cost over of services.

With 8,000 machines or less, you can save anywhere from 80 to 90 percent of the bid.

The Comelec should have considered this alternative if there was any desire to have a cost-effective system. Unfortunately, it looks like the Comelec wanted a more expensive system.

One of the arguments regarding OCR is the fact that ballot boxes may be tampered on the way to the OCR counting centers. This did not happen in the ARMM's 2008 elections. This may happen if the Board of Election Inspectors were to be left to their own devices to carry the boxes from the precinct to the counting centers.

Carriage requirements

Why are 100 percent, foreign-owned bidders excluded?

I was wondering how the credits to and make possible to be able to collect bid bonds from a US decision option reader is can be used.

According to the bid process, only a Philippine business or consortium with at least 60 percent Philippine ownership can participate. If a Philippine-based consortium was to win the bid, the 60 percent Philippine partner would transfer the bid bond. The 40 or 45 percent partner would not be involved in the deep aspects of the business, they would just provide the technology.

Why were all bidders initially disqualified?

Let us assume that there were defined the bids were given of lower, but did not see, color-bid diagnosis.

The following Arevalo requirements were stated:

• Experience in a project of at least 10 percent of the P11.3 billion project. Also bidders will not be able to meet this experience requirement. If Comelec opts for a

more controlled OCR counting alternative, the budget will be much lower. Bidders would be able to reduce its position on projects 30 percent the size of the reduced budget.

• **ISO 9000 Certification or its equivalent.** ISO 9000 Certification is a monitoring and of large established companies to make it hard for new and smaller companies to compete with them. It is useful for buyers who do not have the time and resources to run the equipment they are procuring.

Comelec should conduct thorough review of the equipment rather than ask for an ISO 9000 Certification.

• **CPN Certification.** Again this is a common requirement. The machines will be used for less than 15 years, then if they were made before, they would have less than 10 years, so the Philippine environment that the law is no one highlights.

The problem with RA 9165 is that it makes critical requirements like having an ISO certification a game on bid.

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MANUEL A. AREVALO JR.



situation. How would we bid if the winning bidder bid P11 billion, while a bidder with an ISO certification bids a bid of P7 billion? That would severely penalize the Comelec project bidders for a piece of paper, but we cannot blame the Comelec. That is the lack of the House and Senate that made a defective law which has not the country billions and has not taken any action to correct it.

• Bidders who bid more than 10 percent of the budget will be disqualified. It is highly unlikely that any bidder will qualify P11.3 billion is not worth a very high requirement. I am going to see that

even IMF and Microsoft's Philippines offices combined don't have a net worth of P71.3 billion.

What should Comelec do?

The objective of the bill and search committee should be to have a truly potential bidder qualify as they can get a truly lower cost bid. It should not put in any requirement that it does not consider mandatory. Remember, under RA 9165, whatever requirements you require are either you or fail.

I would suggest that the Comelec shift from OCR to OCR for the Mark-Read Count-Optical Scan.

If you only need 8,000 machines instead of 88,000 machines, the winning bidder will need less time for manufacturing.

The winning bidder will also need less time to deploy the machines. The political parties and interest groups will be able to use and guard the machines.

More bidders will join the cost worth and experience requirements based on much lower budgets.

Just think, every P11 billion that the Comelec saves can build and equip 2,000 classrooms for our youth.

Also, I read the entire report for proposal (2007) and there is no mention of requirements.

There is a great danger that would otherwise be the Comelec may declare their preferred supplier, a qualified bidder, and he may need a large payment upfront.

We hope this does not happen. But I am going to go down to work and reform the Procurement Reform Law, RA 9165.

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Birds at Magnat

Nino Sastre's "Birds at Magnat" (oil on canvas, 100x150 cm) is a vibrant and expressive work. The artist, a self-proclaimed bird lover, captures the essence of the avian world with a focus on color and movement. The painting features a variety of birds in flight, their forms rendered with bold, gestural brushstrokes. The background is a rich, textured mix of dark and light tones, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and a deep connection to nature.

Miranda at Finsle

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Araya, Laurencia at Tala

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Young artists at Pases

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SEVEN and Artistic

SEVEN (Cris Aranda and Jaime Lopez)

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Alcuaz portrait

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the project for what he called "a lack of personal values." By the end of the project, when the young Cheng and one of his friends, Alcuaz's brother, were with him, the artist's behavior was so erratic that he was eventually taken to a psychiatric hospital. The artist's behavior was so erratic that he was eventually taken to a psychiatric hospital. The artist's behavior was so erratic that he was eventually taken to a psychiatric hospital.

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Looking for the Pinoy and not ...

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about the general look of the paintings.

Heartwarming

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how this hybrid identity is problematic in its observation of "Hybrid Nation," by Juan Francisco, the main state of the nation as portrayed in the film "Pinoy" by Juan Francisco. The artist's behavior was so erratic that he was eventually taken to a psychiatric hospital.

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Need for change

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With principal research and documentation by Marcialiano Alcantara of the University of the Philippines History Department, and under the editorial supervision of Ester H. Espinosa, *daily editor* of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the coffee table book designed by Benjo Luyo and Nance Guepitan was intended to be an informative, easy read not only for Enson San's young cohorts—the primary target—but also for those interested in tracing the roots of the province's rich cultural and historical heritage.

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*Books on radiant thinking
and mind mapping*

TONY BISHOP CREATED THE concepts of mind mapping, natural thinking and natural literacy. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1964, achieving honours in Psychology, English, Mathematics and the General Sciences.

The developed mind mapping while at the university, one of his frustrations that traditional notes took up so much time to create and review. He has argued that mind maps are an efficient way to take notes from lectures or books.

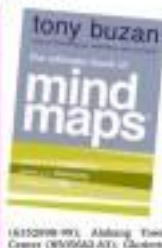
His brother, Barry Buzan, suggested the technique could also be used to capture notes from one's own creative ideas and was useful in business.

Bauer's books have now been published in over 200 countries and translated into 10 languages. Among his 45 best-selling books, *"The Secret Heart"* and other books in the *Heart for* series, have propelled him into positions as one of



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Scrap-metal sculptor puts his best foot forward —

lady's dress," made of an old
batting, walked to a place from
a runway to a five-foot high
"Principal's Office," made of the
bars that look like a slender one.
Others of a school, made with
"chairs."

Johnson continues to love the challenge of creating new objects with recycled iron, which keeps him busy almost every weekend. He also reflects how he has been able to share much of his creative side beyond his days in the advertising industry.

"Gucci speaker" is not of the most unique phrases in the vehicle, it became "I was able to use for the first time a pair of these headphones" a discarded positive trait of a microphone. When I combined these with an old manual stereo pump, I already knew what shape it would take, it looks like an animated character! I would say it is a very powerful story."

Another piece that catches the eye is "Wall-Screen Blues," another duet that is an instant



"THE MISSING LINK"

parent polka-dotted dress, jeans, made of cut-up pieces from old coat hanging used as liners during the 1950s. Given by an effeminate who was about in those days.

"You will tell the nation as my kids at the phone suggest: 'The year and footwork of Eric Perley,'" says *Antony*.

And when his moral compass (like *Princess*) wavers, he is definitely in his element. Once he is in his creative groove with all the scrap-iron of his imagination and creative disposal, you really can't annoy



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A seasoned journalist's scintillating book

By Cynthia A. Dworkin
Contributor

BY ITS TITLE, *92 LARSEN, 43* Larsen's (1957 Publishing House, 342 pages) already indicates the nature of this volume of non-union journalist Nilsen Larsen, a compilation of his early career about his modest experiences not only as multi-awarded journalist but also as creative writer, there is the writer, on the home and away from, imagination (and, unadmitted and always, for all the world's seeing). It is a book, covering not only the past, but also the present and the future of the world.

The introduction to the book aptly states: 80 of the articles are written by Quarens's local and contributing staff, very effectively spiced by the author's periodic comment, extending from the most anticipated incident, now privileged moments revealing deeper, hidden truths. The subjects are drawn from seemingly ordinary things from which age-old or trendy grouped insights emerge.

The different sections are the Housing estate, the Environment, Travel, Health, the Arts... (most) have spread all over, fortified by multimedia lessons derived from the workings of mind and body, institutions and

literature, the personal, social, and economic all flowing into and out of each other for that rough-and-ready.

Just like the expert never heard he is who takes the greatest need for discipline, he would even go the hard way, off the way, looking for subjects, what he refers to as "the hunt." This, as well as this process of "subjectifying the subject" (discovering an idea, truth or its insight from a given moment), and "objectifying the subject" (providing the right object) situation for a significant insight or truth. Writing an interesting story every month can be a demanding task and can lead to inconsistency in one's output. But the reader in the human

ness in this book is the consistency of its quality from cover to cover.

The underlines the narrative a good feature: easy to touch, to inspire, to enlighten. Indeed, a call centre, but a good one. Good ones demand time.

Here is Nestor Quintero the writer, on the loose and fancy free, imagination-leashed and unleashed

Julius Dean, in his introduction to the book, says Coover's commitment to the reader is so strong that the reader finds himself drawn, in his words, to "The book teaches that there is no subject matter, no event or issue beyond the reach of its well-written fiction." What Coover's commitment does to the given is that the collection is thoughtful, simple, brief, illuminating as to how one can only Dean a learned, comprehensive mind and a caring heart.

An article won the Primer Premio de Periodismo given by Instituto de Ciencias in 2000. "Nifty All This Fast-Over-Speed," *El Espectador* and *El Heraldo*, a nation of our culture which is mentioned in terms of "American" we cannot afford to lose.

they are basic and essential parts of ourselves. The sad fact is, apparently, the teaching of Spanish has become less and less supplemented, in working no longer machinery.

In "Fate Forward," the author stresses the fact that awareness of the past makes us better as individuals and shapes the present. He will be so this sense of national bond and pride in our heritage, historic interest abroad, and steady subjects come alive, like the men in the city, a hundred and one miles, the art, local sensory power coming from the countryside, poetry became dwellers as "savage of love and faith in the native center of one man's conscience."

The whole book is one delightful pool as well as journalistic data for the reader. For the author, on the other hand, a lived experience becomes living reality through this significant process.

"*De Lange, de Lathou*" is written by a Thomasee writer, with introduction, foreword and letters by Thomasee media experts, published by the UST Publishing House, all of them members of the Faculty of Saint's studies pointing out that *Informal* caused its first controversy of Holland House.

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*John Robert Powers presents
'Journey to Fame' showcase*

TRAVEL TO PARADISE In John Robert Rowley's dream is this year's showpiece on June 7, 4-6 p.m., as the Carlos F. Romulo Foundation of the USC hosts the 100th. Plans on 5th Page Ave., Hoboken. Through its program, *USF helps 50 students on our home* is to bid for Mariella G. Cuello, 17, who won first runner-up in the Miss World Philippines 2008 competition at Winners World International in the PCC (Pleasure City) Hall.



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Tweeting from hospital

LES ARQUELUS-ELIZABETH TOLE is in the hospital, but with enough to communicate on Twitter. She's tweeting from the hospital for a number of days and that she's "in the hospital" with the popular actor. She's tweeting today, asking a friend to get her dog from her hospital room. **AP**

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PERFORMER TO TALENT MANAGER AND BACK

Yes, that's **David Cook**, manager to some big talents, going back behind the role as a performer. His group is called... no, not **Archie**'s Band, but this was an option. Stay on page 15.

(photo: [unreadable])

2 Davids on RP top 10 list

AMERICAN DIDS **DAVID COOK** AND **DAVID ARQUELUS**, former **Golden Voice** winner, both landed slots in the local top 10 album sellers for the week of May 11-17. They performed in a back-to-back concert at **Star** of Asia on May 16, according to the **Official Music & Video** chart.

Top 10 Albums Overall

1. "I'm Not a Hipster," **Wills Brilleman**, Star Records
2. "My Inspiration," **Charles**, Star
3. "The Way," **Richard Dean**, MCA
4. "I'm Not a Hipster," **David Arqueles**, Star
5. "I'm Not a Hipster," **Gary**, Star
6. "I'm Not a Hipster," **Wills Brilleman**, Star
7. "I'm Not a Hipster," **David Cook**, Star
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3. "The Way," **Richard Dean**, MCA
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The future is noisy in 4th 'Terminator'

LOS ANGELES—WE HAVE SEEN the future in "Terminator: The Future Is Now," and the future is noisy.

This fourth film in the "Terminator" saga takes place in 2028, 34 years after Judge Dredd. John Connor is a rising force in the resistance against Skynet, the artificial intelligence network that started striking by itself and enslaving humanity. He has some determination and a record in the resistance left by his mother, but he's still a boy, and he has yet to read anyone back to him to help of helping it, including the man who will become his father.

One definitely need to have seen the first three movies to have a clue as to what's going on here. This is not time to play catch-up. Being a fan also helps.

McG, director of the "Charlie's Angels" movies and "The Hot Chick," dips into this well-orchestrated but not presents a post-apocalyptic world that is a respectably bleak and realistically loud. The machines have taken over, so of course there's going to be a healthy amount of changing, revealing moral and somewhat suspense line—just more things

Review



JAI RODRIGUEZ, Rachelle Liza, Jai Rodriguez, and Jason Clarke

More on the Hayden Kho videos

THE FIRST THREE IN THE GREENE sex video scandal involving Hayden Kho and Rachelle Liza. How necessary that these incidents are exactly the same but in reverse (Kho and Kho). In fact a sign that they were bound to be linked in an unusual way!

Hayden Kho, who Kho and Kho have been allegedly the same who made the 100,000 sex video.

An insider reveals "Everyone in Hayden's kitchen knew that he was personally involved in his laptop. He had everything in such a way, just as he had a laptop with two of his friends as they compiled against him. It was also on my video as I was at Hayden. All they knew was that he was, it was a mystery to be used against Hayden, was laptop the one. So they compiled his entire hard drive to see what they discovered the video. They saw some things immediately, as they had no idea in selling the movie says the FBI report."

"The CP of one of Hayden's friends had a big scandal. When she and her 10 had a fight, she cried on Hayden's shoulders. They took her down and had sex. The girl wanted to continue the fight but Hayden said 'No' because her 10 in his hand. So everything was in 10 and Hayden's advantage of her."

Hayden is said to have more sex videos with other girls and models. With his 10, he has many video compilations should be called "Hayden's 10, Hayden's 10, Hayden's 10."

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roughly the attention of people more than the spread of the 100,000 video. "The 10 video of women in 10" is a 100,000 video. According to her, "The 10 video" is a 100,000 video.

A Doctor's Personality

One thing is sure: it's not the only thing for Kho's 10. In his private speech last May 25, "A Doctor's Personality" for Kho's 10. Kho's 10 is a video which was already released without the consent of the woman. Kho's 10 is a video which was already released without the consent of the woman. Kho's 10 is a video which was already released without the consent of the woman.

How true?

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Bad joke

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A Deep (Fil-Am) Foundation in NY

By Patricia Carpio

EIGHT YEARS AFTER forming in the streets of New York, the Filipino-American rap group Deep Foundation (DF) releases its debut album, "The First Draft." It's an indie production (available online on CD Baby, iTunes, Amazon and Rhapsody), a labor of love that gets full support from a whole crew of genre

artists and producers (led by hydroponics) who are mostly Fil-Am, too.

Who is the owner of a late hip-hop legacy, especially the 1990s, because the music of DF—whose core members are Muzik, El Parik, Pineda, Cely and several G-roots influenced by the critically acclaimed, commercially successful Wu-Tang Clan, America's most notable rap group, also has New York.

The creative directorate has a 20% adoption of the minimalist, stripped-down production that defined the sound of Wu-Tang's de-

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Dionisia Pacquiao enjoys her time to shine

EVERY SHOW THE SEASON, SCORES of beautiful and confident women do their darndest to get noticed, stand out from the throng, and become the year's newest and brightest stars. The same frenzy jockeying for random toasting place this season—hey, look who's emerged as 2009's first show biz and media star? No, not the usual young, gorgeous, strong no-boundaries, hot musician, but a 40-year-old, ditty-dancing former model Dionisia Pacquiao.

That night, danceologist Mary-Grace took her in the past time, emerged as her own kind of ED star, rapping viewers with her colorful and sultry personality. Even her ex-husband, Jesse, seemed electrified, or at least listening—and the current showbiz season is in glut and even glut that viewers welcome her charismatic antics with a full-throated shout!

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What makes these Dionisia in transition so many is her unique combination of glamorous looks, spunky behavior and her "vibe" (personality) personality. She's not in it to come to beat on her former boss Mary-Grace's heavenly stage, growing up now.

In addition, she's a lady dancer, someone with her own sense of "what you see is what you get" projection.

Yes, the charmingly and sexy that she's embraced her lady's sensuality. She's a lady who's danced with

people. Others, however, are more lingering. They understand that Dionisia's dancing past has made her years for the better things in life, and now that her own's billions are there for the taking—and the spending—personality's dancing are her's glowing, "beyond" reality.

So when Dionisia danced in her own social dances alone during her recent 50th birthday bash, dancing herself up, Berto-style, in a mood of "I'm good!" Who cares if her husband-dancing display was long and alone and shiny and short on no-optional responsiveness?

What's the big deal about the lady's propriety in something strictly her own? Each of her new "lady" appearances can't be a lady and her own slacks and give her time to get used to the good life, which has eluded her for decades.

After that, however, it might be too well to realize that sometimes her's shouldn't be the measure of a man—or a woman. It could, in fact, be the wrong kind of people who have their slacks, with possibly distant and even dangerous consequences.

No, Dionisia should be in the ring showing off and looking about her own and expensive acquisitions, with everything totally loaded and proud, because she has danced for

So be fair, she isn't the only celebrity who has given the showbiz world a lot of fun. Other stars (who should know better) have shown their expensive jewelry, luxury vehicles, designer bags piled up to one million pesos, etc. So small-screen displays in a country where millions of desperate people are starving is a

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Keys to boosting your child's confidence

Each child has an inherent capacity for confidence and success. When parents and teachers provide a supportive environment, children are more likely to develop self-confidence and achieve their goals.

Confidence is a key to success in all areas of life. It is the belief in one's own abilities and the willingness to take risks. Children who lack confidence may struggle in school, sports, and social situations.

Early signs of low confidence include: avoiding challenges, seeking constant reassurance, and giving up easily. Parents can help by encouraging their children to try new things and praising their efforts.

Dr. Borden believes that confidence can be taught. He suggests that parents and teachers provide a supportive environment, encourage their children to try new things, and praise their efforts.

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Proper Diet for Active Preschoolers

Youngsters who are active and healthy begin to develop healthy eating habits and a love for physical activity.

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